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am going to emphasize a point again. The goal...you can sit down, Senator Hannibal. I know people hang in suspense but I want you to be comfortable. You are quite welcome. It is a situation where two motions have been interlocked through the discussion and I want to emphasize over and over that the two are different, and I am not going to vote for either of them. I am not going to vote for the Speaker's motion to suspend the rules and read all those bills on Final Reading without amendment or debate, but I still think it is necessary for the record to be crystal clear that there is a difference. This motion that the body is moving toward voting on that Senator Labeledz wants is to move nine bills with one vote, nine bills with one vote. The Final Reading motion of the Speaker would require each vote to be read individually as always happens. We would not, however, excuse me, be able to offer any amendments or have any debate. And the reason I will oppose his motion is because there are a couple of bills, for sure, that I have motions on right now. The reason I oppose this motion is because these bills are what you could call heavy bills. There is not a peewee among them. So it is not going to be possible to tell the public that there was a justification for advancing these bills because they are noncontroversial. That is why they are where they are because they are controversial. Controversy exists because there are counter opinions and I am on a side different from that of most of you, but I have not challenged your right under the rules to try to do what you are doing. I just have to do what is available to me under the rules to stop it. As Senator Hall pointed out, a vote on a procedural motion may tell something and it may not, but there is a killer motion that has to be voted on that will tell something, and Senator Hall knows as I know, Senator Hall knows as I know and he knows what I know when I say that that vote, if affirmative, will carry a certain significance. Senator Hall knows as I know, if he didn't know before, he knows now because I am telling him, the reason we have this motion is because of the abortion bill, Senator Hall. That is why. And, Senator Labeledz, me, you, and Senator Schmit have been very up front and blunt about that in the beginning. I haven't twisted any arms yet as you have because I am not at that point. I am just trying to use charm. Senator Schmit calls it cajoling. I am trying to cajole right now or cajole. It is not an issue worthy of arm-twisting. Why, we have still got two more days after this in this week, two whole days, two days. It will take 25 votes for this reconsideration motion to succeed and I think it ought to succeed so that this matter can be laid to rest. If we do not